

SENATE No. 351

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to voter registration in public high schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00450 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOTER REGISTRATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 34H the following section:-

3 Section 34I. (a) Each public high school shall host a voter registration day in the months of May
4 and September of each year for the purpose of encouraging voter participation and civic
5 engagement among the young adult population of the commonwealth. The principal of each
6 high school shall be responsible for designating these days.

7 (b) The city or town clerk or an assistant clerk shall be present and available in the high school
8 building for the purpose of registering those individuals eligible to vote.

9 (c) The office of the secretary of state shall provide information in the form of pamphlets, books,
10 and other educational materials regarding the state and federal election process to each high
11 school for use on the designated voter registration days.